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Gov. Hutchinson, ADE Announce Results of Fifth Annual All-Region Coding Competition

LITTLE ROCK — Gov. Asa Hutchinson and the Arkansas Department of Education are pleased to announce the 17 teams advancing to the Fifth Annual All-State Coding Competition on May 1, 2021.

“COVID changed almost everything, including this year’s regional coding competition, which was held virtually for the first time,” Hutchinson said. “Regardless, competing off-site did not dampen the enthusiasm of the more than 100 teams that participated. All of these students are on a path to a bright future because of the work they have put into learning to code. Congratulations to the 17 teams that are advancing to the state competition in May.”

The following teams have been selected to advance to the All-State Coding Competition.

- De’Lion Summerville, Joshua LeVar, and Colin Phillips from Arkadelphia High School in Arkadelphia
- Tristan Goodell, Trey Clark, and Joshua Stallings from the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts in Hot Springs
- Caleb Jones, Anish Leekkala, and Katherine Pearce from Bentonville High School in Bentonville
- Ryder Johnson, Karina Batra, and Shorna Alam from Bentonville West High School in Bentonville
- Braden Pierce from Bryant High School in Bryant
- Luke Haskins, Zachary Kelly, and Christopher Sayers from Cabot High School in Cabot
- Andrew Baker, Aaron Tran, and Jacob Collier-Tenison from Central High School in Little Rock
- Alex Prosser, David Saavedra, and Titus Johnson from Clinton High School in Clinton
- Ethan Moss, Brian Russell, and Matthew Ablondi from Conway High School in Conway
- Lucas Kellar, Luke Lyons, and Drake Mayes from Don Tyson School of Innovation in Springdale

- Elijah Keen, Spencer Knight, and Sergio Markin from eStem High School in Little Rock
- Julian Sanker, Owen Bell, and Ganer Whitmire from Haas Hall Academy in Fayetteville
- Toby Reid, Clayton Boothe, and Hana Lovett from Maumelle High School in Maumelle
- Grant Palasak, Keidan Smith, and Matthew Coutts from Rogers High School in Rogers
- Joshua Willard, Aldan Garner, and David Daniel from Rogers New Technology High School in Rogers
- Reid Dutton, Tony Chen, and Jessie Beatty from Star City High School in Star City
- Logan Heinzelman, Evan Watson, and Connor Stephens from Stuttgart High School in Stuttgart

The All-Region Coding Competition was a digital event that was held Feb. 26, 2021. More than 100 teams participated in the event and were scored by the ADE Office of Computer Science team using a common rubric and process. That process determined the top 16 teams to invite to the state-level event. The school that produced the first-place team at the state competition in 2020, the Don Tyson School of Innovation in Springdale, received an automatic invitation to send a team to the state competition.

Each member of the first-place team at the state competition will receive a \$2,000 award that will be deposited into a 529 College Savings Plan. Each member of the second-place team will receive a \$1,000 award deposited into a 529 College Savings Plan, with each member of the third-place team receiving a \$500 award deposited into a 529 College Savings Plan. In addition, the schools that register/sponsor the teams placing first, second, and third will receive \$10,000, \$6,000, and \$4,000, respectively, to support their computer science programs. The prizes and competition expenses are provided by a grant from Verizon to ARCodeKids.

Schools with teams advancing to the state competition will receive an official invitation with details by March 30, 2021.

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